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for

ALDERLEY EDGE
CHEADLE AND GATLEY
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ANNUAL REPORTS

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The Chief Public Health Inspectors

For the Year 1961

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THE TOWN HALL,

CHEADLE.

September, 1962

To the Chairman and Members of the Alderley Edge, Cheadle and Gatley, and Wilmslow Urban District Councils.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report on the health of the public in Alderley Edge, Cheadle and Gatley, and Wilmslow for the year 1961.

As you are aware, I have only recently taken up this appointment and I feel that it would be presumptuous of me at this stage to offer comment on the statistics presented in view of my lack of knowledge of the social and environmental factors affecting the health of the public in this area. This report, however, is required urgently for other purposes and it is submitted, therefore, without comment at this stage.

As my knowledge and experience of the area increases it may be possible for me to pass certain comments upon the statistics presented for the year, and this might well be done on the occasion of the presentation of the Annual Report for the year 1962.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. LEITCH, M.B., CH.B., D.C.H., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health

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EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS

	Alderley Edge	*Cheadle and Gatley*	*Wilmslow*
Estimated Population (Mid 1961)	3620	45,490	21,470
Total Live Births	48	969	425
Illegitimate Births	3	16	20
Still Births	1	17	7
Adjusted Birth Rate	12.5	20.2	16.9
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	—	15	7
Deaths of Infants under 1 month	—	10	6
Deaths of infants under 1 week	—	8	4
Infant Mortality Rate	—	15.4	16.4
Maternal Deaths	—	—	—
Total Deaths from ALL Causes :			
Males	28	211	130
Females	24	244	125
Adjusted Death Rate	12.4	12.6	13.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Alderley Edge	*Cheadle and Gatley*	*Wilmslow*
Cancer—all forms	4	54	43
Cancer of the Lung	—	17	10
Coronary thrombosis	11	93	36
Vascular lesion of the central nervous system	13	71	60
Other Circulatory and Heart Diseases	11	103	47
Influenza	2	3	1
Bronchitis and Pneumonia	5	38	8
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	—	2	2
Diabetes	—	2	1
Ulcer (Stomach and Duodenal)	—	2	1
Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	—	2	1
Nephritis	—	3	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	1
Pregnancy	—	—	—
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	4	5
Congenital Malformations	—	5	4
Other defined and ill defined Diseases	5	42	22
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	5	3
All Other Accidents	—	4	5
Suicide	—	4	4
Homicide and Operations of War	—	1	—
ALL CAUSES	52	455	255

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following cases were notified during the year :-

	Alderley Edge	*Cheadle and Gatley*	*Wilmslow*
Scarlet Fever	—	41	6
Whooping Cough ..	1	10	4
Measles	10	485	308
Dysentery	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia ..	1	4	3
Erysipelas	—	—	—
Tuberculosis— Respiratory	—	14	3
Tuberculosis— Non-respiratory ..	—	1	—
Food poisoning.. ..	—	2	—
Paratyphoid Fever ..	—	2	1
Paralytic Poliomyelitis ..	—	1	—
Non-paralytic Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	—
Puerperal pyrexia ..	—	4	—

FACTORIES ACTS

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

Part 1 of the Act

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :-

Premises		*Number on Register*	*Inspections*	*No. of written notices*	*Owners Prosecuted*
(1) Factories in which Sections 1. 2. 3. 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorites.					
	A.E.	5	4	—	—
	C. & G.	24	15	1	—
	W.	13	16	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.					
	A.E.	23	55	1	—
	C.& G.	121	84	6	—
	W.	94	22	4	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)					
	A.E.	3	3	1	—
	C.& G.	15	6	3	—
	W.	16	5	—	—
TOTAL :	A.E.	31	62	2	—
	C.& G.	160	105	10	—
	W.	123	43	4	....

2.—Cases in which defects were found (headings where all satisfactory not given) :-

Particulars		*Found*	*Remedied*	*Referred by H.M. Inspector*
Want of Cleanliness (S.I.) ..	..A.E.	—	—	—
	C.& G.	1	1	—
	W.	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	..A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	3	4	1
	W.	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	..A.E.	2	2	—
	C. & G.	3	5	2
	W.	4	3	—
TOTAL :	A.E.	2	2	—
	C. & G.	7	10	3
	W.	4	3	—

Part VIII of the Act

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Nil in all three Districts

ALDERLEY EDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the

Alderley Edge Urban District Council

Sir, Mrs. Bickmore, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the work done by the Public Health Inspector's Department for the year 1961.

The branches of the work have been placed under separate headings and comments made where necessary.

I wish to thank you for the consideration which you have given me and I also thank the Officials of the Council for their help during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. A. BARKER, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Public Health Inspector.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Classification	*Total No of Inspections and visits*	*Informal Notices Served*	*Informal Notices Complied with*	*Statutory Notices Served*	*Statutory Notices Complied with*
Dwellings :					
Public Health Acts ..	5	2	2	—	—
Re-Inspection	12	—	—	—	—
Housing Acts	50	2	2	1	1
Re-Inspection	29	—	—	—	—
Council House Applications	7	—	—	—	—
Food Premises :					
Ice Cream Premises ..	15	1	1	—	—
Provision Shops	38	1	1	—	—
Butchers' Shops	28	1	1	—	—
Fried Fish Shops ..	10	—	—	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens ..	37	10	10	—	—
Bakehouses	26	4	4	—	—
Greengrocery and Wet Fish	26	5	4	—	—
Other Food Premises ..	25	—	—	—	—
General :					
Infectious Diseases ..	12	—	—	—	—
Schools	10	—	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances	3	—	—	—	—
Shops Act	14	—	—	—	—
Dairies and Milk Shops	4	—	—	—	—
Food Condemnation ..	4	—	—	—	—
Factories Act	62	1	1	—	—
Outworkers	—	—	—	—	—
Rent Act	1	—	—	—	—
Drainage	10	4	4	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	61	1	1	—	—
Rag Flock Act	1	—	—	—	—
Pet Shop	3	—	—	—	—
Ashbins	27	2	2	—	—
Slaughter of Animals Act	12	—	—	—	—
General Nuisances ..	62	14	12	—	—
Offensive Trade	—	—	—	—	—
Farms	12	1	1	—	—
Totals ..	606	49	46	1	1

Pigs			
Livers	11	123	Abscess, Cirrhosis, Ascaris
Plucks	15	60	Pleurisy, Pericarditis
Lungs	6	18	Pleurisy, Pneumonia
Shank and Loin	6	69	Bruising, Arthritis
Kidneys	3	2	Cysts, Nephritis
Shoulder	1	50	Abscess
Calves			
Whole Carcase and Offal	3	220	Pyaemia, Trauma
Sheep			
Livers	66	152	Parasites, Cysts
Whole Carcase and Offal	2	155	Fracture, Bruising, Moribund
Leg and Loin	1	9	Fracture
Pluck	4	8	Parasitic
		5 tons 1 cwt. 72 lbs.	

Other Foods

During the year 27 Certificates of Unfitness were issued and the following quantities of foodstuff condemned.

Tinned and Preserved Food Condemned:

	lbs.	*ozs.*
Meats	130	0
Fruit and Vegetables	38	8
Soups	1	10
	170	2

Other Food Condemned:

Biscuits	96	0
Lobster	12	0
	108	0

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Hygiene Regulations :

Regular inspections have been made of the various types of premises where food is stored or handled. Although several minor infringements of the Regulations were found and rectified no serious offences were discovered.

From the following list it will be seen that there are 349 types of food businesses carried on in 176 premises, as follows:—

Grocers and Provision Merchants	57
Bakers and Confectioners	17
Bakehouses	7
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	16
Butchers	21
Fishmongers	8
Fish Fryers	4
Sweet Shops	22
Ice Cream Premises	55
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars	23
Public Houses	18
Residential Hotels and Boarding Houses	13
Non-Residential Clubs	7
Industrial and Staff Canteens	3
Kitchens preparing school meals	7
Schools serving school meals	10
Cooked Meats	56
Market Stalls	5
	349

MILK SUPPLY

Distribution :

The number of persons registered as distributors of milk and the number of dairies, other than dairy farms, are as follows :-

Distributors	22
Dairies	2

Sampling

Routine sampling of all milk sold in the district was carried out by the County Health Department. The results are given in the table below:—

Designation	*Number of samples taken*	*Satisfactory*	*Unsatisfactory*	*Experiments spoilt*
Tuberculin Tested	151	121	28	2
Pasteurised	97	93	4	—
Sterilised	30	30	—	—

TOTAL NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN: 278

ICE CREAM

There are 55 premises registered for the sale of ice cream. Prepacked ice cream is sold in 54 of the registered premises and in the remaining instance the ice cream is manufactured and sold by the producer from his premises.

Throughout the year 15 samples of ice cream were taken and the results are given below:—

Grade 1	11 samples
Grade 2	4 samples
Grade 3	—
Grade 4	—
Experiments Void	—
	15 samples

HOUSING

During the year the Council resolved that 27 houses be declared as a Clearance Area.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

(1) There are in the Urban Area, the following premises where food is prepared, stored and sold:-

Confectionery	7
Bakehouses	3
Butcher's Shops	5
Cooked Meat Manufacturers	6
Fried Fish and Chip Shops	3
Hotel Kitchens	4
Ice Cream Dealers	11
Ice Cream Makers	1
Staff Canteen Kitchens	2
Restaurant Kitchens	4
School Kitchens	4
Provision Shops	16
Fish and Greengrocery	3
Greengrocery	2

During the year all food premises were routinely inspected under the Provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations. All actions taken under the Regulations were of an informal nature.

(2) Food Surrendered and Condemned

During the year two articles of food were condemned as unfit giving a total of 23 lbs. in weight.

(3) Ice Cream

There are 11 registered dealers in Ice Cream, one manufactures his own for sale at his premises, the remainder sell well-known products made by various national firms.

Twelve samples were taken and submitted to the Laboratory for examination and their bacteriological examination indicated that all the samples were Grade 1, this being very good indeed.

MILK AND DAIRIES

The Milk Special Designations Regulations, 1960, came into force on the 18th October, 1960.

These Regulations give the Food and Drugs Authority of the area the powers of granting licences to dealers. The Food and Drugs Authority in this area is the Cheshire County Council.

I am indebted to the Medical Officer of Health for the Cheshire County Council for the information concerning the sampling taken in the area of Alderley Edge.

During the year 10 samples of treated milks were submitted for the various appropriate tests and all these samples were satisfactory under test.

Ten raw (T.T.) Milk samples were also taken and seven were submitted for biological and culture tests.

RAG FLOCK

There is one Registered factory in the area to which the Act applies and this factory has been inspected.

RODENT CONTROL

One trained part-time operative is employed and he used methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Domestic dwellings are treated free of charge, but a charge is made for treatment of business premises.

There is now no special grant by the Ministry towards the expenditure created by the work of inspection and disinfestation.

The following table gives details of the work done by the Rodent Operative during the year.

Type of Property	*No. of Infestations by Rats*	*No. of Properties infested by Mice*	*No. of Visits Undertaken*
Owned by Local Government	6	—	20
Dwellings	14	—	39
Businesss Premises ..	4	1	12
Agricultural Premises	—	—	5
Totals ..	24	1	76

SHOP INSPECTIONS

As Sanitary Authority, this Council is responsible for the enforcing of the provisions concerning Heating, Ventilation and Sanitary Conveniences, of the shops Act, and during the year shops were inspected for this purpose.

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the Area are supplied from the Stockport Corporation mains, except a small-holding which has water hand-pumped from a well.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The Refuse Disposal is by controlled tipping on a site at "Tanyard Farm", Chelford Road. A weekly collection is maintained.

SALVAGE

34 tons 8 cwts. of salvage were sold during the year giving an income to the Authority of £234.18.6.

CHEADLE AND GATLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Abney,
Cheadle,
Cheshire.
May, 1962

To the Chairman and Members of the
Cheadle and Gatley Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1961

I have the honour to present a report on work done in the department during 1961. Mr. T. Hayes, my predecessor, died in July of this year after 33 years in the Council's service and I commenced duty in November.

The Council's slum clearance programme continued, and four Clearance Orders were confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government. Towards the end of the year work was started preparing a programme for the next five years. There was a disappointing response from house owners to the grant schemes for improvement of older houses. Many houses in the district lack modern amenities such as bathrooms and hot water supplies, and some will become unfit in the foreseeable future unless owners improve and repair them to a reasonable standard.

In April the Council's first Smoke Control Order was confirmed, and the Department's main energies were employed for some months in dealing with the many problems which arose. At about the same time the Council became a Food and Drugs Authority and assumed important duties for ensuring the purity of food and drugs in the area. This work was previously done by the County Council.

That the Smoke Control Order came into operation on the scheduled date and that food and drugs sampling was absorbed smoothly into the routine work of the Department reflects credit on the Department's staff at that time and, in particular, on Mr. A. Riley.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
K. WILLIAMS,
Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Nature of Inspections	*No. of visits*	*Informal Notices Served*	*Informal Notices Complied with*	*Statutory Notices Served*	*Statutory Notices Complied with*
Houses inspected under the Public Health Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	202	34	34	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	42	1	1	—	—
No of re-visits to the above	108	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected under the Housing Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	39	15	7	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	184	—	—	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	58	—	—	—	—
General :					
Infectious Diseases ..	46	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	7	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds ..	17	1	1	—	—
Stables and Piggeries ..	9	1	1	—	—
Smoke Observations ..	88	—	—	—	—
Public Conveniences ..	4	—	—	—	—
Factories and Workplaces	123	—	—	—	—
Shops, all types	355	25	23	—	—
Petroleum Acts	37	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	130	—	—	—	—
Places of Public Entertainment, Public Houses etc.	4	—	—	—	—
Verminous Premises ..	14	—	—	—	—
Drainage	325	—	—	—	—
Slaughterhouses	391	—	—	—	—
Hairdressers	25	—	—	—	—
Rent Acts	1	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	2209	77	67	—	—

Public Health Act, 1936.

216 complaints were received during the year, classified as follows :

Drainage defects	98
General defects to houses	14
Industrial nuisances, noise, etc.	1
Accumulations	8
Offensive odours	13
Overcrowding	1
Insect infestation	58
Smoke nuisances	9
Miscellaneous	14

The necessary action was taken to secure abatement of nuisances where these were found to exist.

Clean Air Act, 1956

The Council's first Smoke Control Order was confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the 28th April, 1961, and householders living in the area were required to burn smokeless fuel from the 1st November. The Order covered 807 acres and included 2,074 premises. In the months between the Order being confirmed and it becoming effective the Department was busy authorising applications for grants, and supervising and checking the resulting work of replacing or adapting fireplaces. Progress was also made during the year in making detailed surveys of other parts of the district preparatory to the Council making further Orders.

Emission of smoke from industrial chimneys is controlled by the Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) Regulations, 1958, which makes it an offence if black smoke is emitted for more than two minutes in any half hour, or dark smoke continuously for more than four minutes in any half hour, or dark smoke for more than ten minutes in any eight hour period. Observations were made during the year on 11 industrial chimneys, and no contraventions of the Regulations were found.

There is no doubt that the principal source of air pollution in the urban district is from house chimneys, and that the Council's progressive policy on domestic smoke control will produce substantial benefits to the community.

HOUSING ACTS 1958 and 1959

Improvement Grants

Local Authorities are able to contribute towards the cost of improving old houses, subject to a maximum grant of £400. Three grants were made during the year with a total value of £420. All the grants were to owner/occupiers.

Standard Grants

Grants are available up to a maximum of £155 for providing houses with a bath, a wash hand basin, a hot water supply, a water closet inside the house, and a foodstore. Ten grants were made during the year, with a total value of £660.17.6. All the grants were to owner/occupiers.

HOUSING ACT, 1957

Twenty-two houses were reported to the Council as unfit for human habitation. Of these, twenty were dealt with by means of four Clearance Orders, and the remainder by Demolition or Closing Orders. Details are given below.

Cheadle

Nos. 163, 165, 167, 169 and 171, Stockport Road, Cheadle.
Nos. 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, and 61 Gatley Road, Cheadle.

Cheadle Hulme

Nos. 151, 153, 155 and 157, Hulme Hall Road, Cheadle Hulme.
Nos. 35, 37, 39 and 41, Hulme Hall Road, Cheadle Hulme.
No. 51, Gill Bent Road, Cheadle Hulme. (Closing Order.)
No. 20, Nursery Road, Cheadle Hulme. (Demolition Order.)

Three of the Clearance Orders were confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government without modification, and in the fourth case the Order was confirmed, but modified by the exclusion of 39, Hulme Hall Road, Cheadle Hulme.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Slaughterhouse Work

The following tables show the number of animals slaughtered in the year at the two licenced slaughterhouses, and the numbers and parts of carcases which were found to be unfit. 100% inspection of carcases was maintained, and this was made possible by an inspector sacrificing some leisure time each weekend on this exacting duty. The number of animals slaughtered shows a 7.4% decrease over the preceding year.

	Cattle	*Calves*	*Sheep*	*Pigs*
Animals slaughtered	561	11	2,498	2,404
Diseases except tuberculosis:		*Cattle*	*Sheep*	*Pigs*
Whole carcases condemned		2	Nil	21
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned		15	Nil	204
Percentage of animals affected with disease except tuberculosis		2.97%	Nil	9.35%
Tuberculosis:				
Whole carcases condemned		Nil	Nil	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned		Nil	Nil	59
Percentage of animals affected with tuberculosis		Nil	Nil	2.62%

A pleasing aspect of the figures is the absence of tuberculosis in bovines, which resulted from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's programme for the eradication of tuberculosis in bovine animals.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Seven licences to slaughter animals by means of the cash captive bolt or electrolethaler were issued.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The Council became a Food and Drugs Authority on the 1st April, 1961, and 124 samples were sent to the Public Analyst for examination. All were genuine, except six, on which the Analyst reported on as follows:—

Sample No.		*Action taken*
13	Milk.	Producers warned.
	10% deficient in milk fat.	Follow-up sample was satisfactory.
63, 70 and 72	Sausages. Contained undeclared sulphur dioxide preservative.	Retailers warned. Statutory Notices are now exhibited in the shops.
75	Tinned Cream. 1.3% deficient in milk fat.	Formal sample proved satisfactory.
105	Raw T.T. milk. Contained 20% added water.	The Council instituted proceedings against the producer under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The following list shows the range of food and drugs sampled during the year.

Almond marzipan
Beef sausage
Bicarbonate of Soda
Brandy butter
Butter
Cake mixture
Cayenne pepper
Cheese
Chopped pork
Cream
Cream cakes
Christmas pudding
Crab spread
Dates
Fish cakes
Flan mixture
Flour
Fruit jellies
Garlic salt
Ground Almonds
Gin
Honey
Ice Cream
Jams
Lemon cheese
Lemon juice
Luncheon meat
Milk
Minced meat loaf
Mixed cut peel
Mix-a-shake
Orange curd
Orange squash
Pepper flavoured compound
Pork sausage
Port flavour beverage
Potted meat paste
Rennett
Rum
Sardines
Sauce
Shrimps
Sultana pudding
Tea
Tonic water
Vinegar
Whisky

Food Hygiene

There are 321 premises where food is stored and sold, including:—

Ice cream manufacturers and retailers	51
Milk dealers	21
Catering establishments	18
Confectioners (including bakehouses)	28
Grocery and provisions	75
Butchers	33
Fishmongers	3
Fish and greengrocers	25
Greengrocers	3
Fish and Chip shops	9
Licenced premises	33
Mobile shops	22

Detailed inspections were made to ensure that the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations were observed.

THE MILK (Special Designation) REGULATIONS, 1960

The Council as food and drugs authority are now responsible for licencing milk dealers in the district except for two producer retailers of tuberculin tested milk who are licenced by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. One dairy is licenced for the pasteurisation, sterilisation and sale of milk, and twenty premises are licenced for the sale of milk which has been obtained by the dealer in the container in which it is to be supplied to the consumer.

Samples are taken regularly to ensure that the milk conforms to standards specified in the Regulations and if any milk fails to pass the standards investigation is made into the reason for the failure.

Milk produced at the farms in the area is sampled for biological examination to detect the presence of tubercle bacilli.

The following table shows the number of samples taken during the year and the results.

1961

Type of Milk	Total Samples Sub-mitted	Methylene Blue (Keeping Quality)			Phosphatase (Sufficiently Heat-Treated)			Tubercle Bacilli			Turbidity Test	
		Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Absent	Present	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Pasteurised	108	108	108	—	108	108	—	—	—	—	—	—
T.T. Pasteurised	102	102	102	—	102	102	—	3	3	—	—	—
Tuberculin-Tested	20	20	16	4	—	—	—	5	5	—	—	—
Sterilised	93	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	93	—
TOTALS	323	230	226	4	210	210	—	8	8	—	93	—

PETROLEUM ACTS, 1928–1936

Premises licenced..	50
Total storage capacity	132,880 gallons

All licenced premises were examined before renewal of annual licences, and the following table shows common causes of failure to comply with the Acts. Licencees were asked to remedy the contraventions.

	Premises
Electrical equipment in pumps not flameproof to British Standards	8
Electrical equipment within 20 ft. of petroleum storage not flameproof to British Standards	1
Insufficient foam extinguishing equipment	5
Warning notices near pumps missing or unsatisfactory ..	8
Absence of notices indicating master switch for power to electric pumps	12
Vent pipes to tanks unsatisfactory (not fitted with flameproof trap, discharging into buildings, inadequately secured) ..	9
Old tanks needing pressure testing	2
Absence of limiting or pre-set device to pumps	3

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

No major infestations of rats or mice occurred in the year. A free service is available to the occupiers of dwelling houses but a charge is made for treatment at factories and other business premises. The following table shows the work carried out during the year.

	Type of Property				
	Local Authority	*Dwelling Houses*	*Agri-cultural*	*All other premises (including Business and In-dustrial)*	*Total*
No of Properties inspected by the local Authority during 1961 as a result of					
(a) Notification ..	8	388	0	30	426
(b) Survey under the Act	1	404	10	12	427
(c) Otherwise, *e.g.* when visited primarily for some other purpose ..	—	—	—	—	—
Numbers of properties inspected which were found to be infested by					
(a) Rats : Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
Minor ..	8	388	0	25	421
(b) Mice : Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
Minor ..	1	1	0	5	7
Number of infested properties treated by the local Authority	9	389	0	30	428

WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,

Green Hall,

Wilmslow,

May, 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wilmslow Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Evans and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report on the work carried out by your Public Health Inspectors for the year 1961.

The statistical information required by the Minister of Health is contained in the body of the report under various headings and I have no observations to make.

I desire to express my thanks to members of my own staff and to the other officers of the Council for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Evans, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. H. LANCASTER,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT

Nature of Inspections	*No. of Visits*	*Informal Notices Served*	*Informal Notices Complied with*	*Statutory Notices Served*	*Statutory Notices Complied with*
Housing.					
Houses inspected under P.H.A.	83	33	33	—	1
Re-inspections under P.H.A.	256	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected under Housing Acts	48	36	9	—	—
Re-inspections under Housing Acts	105	—	—	—	—
General.					
Refuse Collection and Disposal	364	21	22	1	—
Infectious Diseases ..	12	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	23	—	—	—	—
Caravans, Tents, etc. ..	31	1	1	—	—
Stables and Piggeries ..	6	1	1	—	—
Smoke Control Areas and Observations ..	182	4	4	—	—
Public Entertainment and Public Houses	15	5	4	—	—
Hairdressers and Barbers	30	3	3	—	—
Public Conveniences ..	3	—	—	—	—
Factories	27	4	3	—	—
Work Places	6	—	—	—	—
Shop Acts	17	—	—	—	—
Petroleum Acts	174	18	28	—	—
Special Visits	204	—	—	—	—
Rodent Control ..	21	47	47	—	—
Insect Pests	36	—	—	—	—
Noise Nuisances ..	14	1	1	—	—
Meat and Food Inspection.					
Slaughterhouses ..	211	1	1	—	—
Butchers Shops and Stalls	25	—	—	—	—
Wet Fish Shops ..	15	1	—	—	—
Fried Fish Shops ..	6	—	—	—	—
Other Food Shops ..	45	6	6	—	—
Bakehouses	8	—	—	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens ..	30	9	7	—	—
Ice Cream Premises ..	23	2	2	—	—
Dairies Milk Shops and Distributors	9	—	—	—	—
Totals	2,029	193	172	1	1

COMPLAINTS

The complaints registered during the year numbered 318, and are classified as follows :-

Defective Housing Conditions	13
Blocked and Defective Drains, Cesspools and Septic Tanks and Sewers	37
Flooding	9
Accumulations of Refuse, Rubbish, etc.	7
Offensive Odours	11
Smoke Nuisances	5
Noise Nuisances	5
Unsound Food	7
Water Supplies	22
Infestation by Rats and Mice	149
Infestation by Flies, Insects, Wasps, etc.	32
Infestation by Rabbits, Squirrels, Moles, etc.	13
Miscellaneous	8
	318

All complaints were investigated immediately and the necessary action taken to abate any nuisance found.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

The following table shows the amount of spraying and fumigation undertaken in connection with the control of infectious diseases and verminous conditions :-

	No. of Premises	*Number of Rooms Sprayed or Fumigated*	*Household Effects Treated Separately*
Bed Bugs	—	—	—
Other Vermin	—	—	—
Infectious Diseases	1	8	1
Other causes	1	6	—
Totals	2	14	1
	—	—	—

In addition to the above, 14 wasps' nests were also destroyed on private property.

HOUSING

The Clearance Order made by the Council in respect of Nos. 235 to 247 Wilmslow Road, Handforth was confirmed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government in July. The demolition of the property was completed in December, and 26 persons from seven families were rehoused by the Council from this area.

During the year 17 persons were also rehoused from individual unfit houses, of which 16 were rehoused by the Council and one privately.

STANDARD AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Standard Grants

The following table shows the number of applications for standard grants received, the amenities provided and the number of grants paid during the year.

Number of Applications received	*Number of Applications approved*	*Number of Applications refused*
30	Owner/Occupiers .. 16 Other dwellings .. 10	4

Amenities Provided

Baths	*Wash Basins*	*Hot Water Supplies*	*W.C's*	*Food Stores*
8	8	7	10	3

Grants Paid

Total Number of Houses on which Grants were paid ..	11
Total amount paid	£1,009.7.6.

Improvement Grants

Six applications for an Improvement Grant were also received during the year; five applications were approved and one application refused.

CARAVAN SITES

Under the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, four caravan site licences were granted during the year. Three of the licences granted were for sites containing a single caravan and the remaining licence was for the Oversley Ford Caravan Site which has 45 caravans.

On several occasions during the year Morley Green was used by families of gypsies and tinkers for the parking of their caravans. A complaint was made to the Magistrates Court by the Council that the amenities of Morley Green were prejudicially affected by the conditions arising from its use as a caravan park. The Court made an order prohibiting the stationing of caravans on Morley Green which came into operation in July 1961, and the parking of caravans has subsequently ceased.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Slaughterhouses

The private slaughterhouse at Morley Green is the only licenced slaughterhouse in the area. The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations came fully into operation on the 1st July, 1961, resulting in an improved standard of hygiene being obtained.

Meat Inspection

The post-mortem inspection of animals slaughtered locally is given in the form required by the Minister of Health in the following table:—

RECORD OF MEAT INSPECTION FOR 1961

	Cattle Excluding Cows	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep and Lambs*	*Pigs*	*Horses*
Number killed (if known) ..	463	326	169	3,431	1,127	—
Number inspected ..	458	319	25	1,781	1,074	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :						
Whole Carcases condemned :	1	4	3	2	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned :	123	166	—	71	71	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :	27%	53%	12%	4%	7%	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole Carcases condemned :	—	1	1	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned :	7	86	5	—	4	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis : ..	1·7%	27%	24%	—	0·3%	—

MEAT CONDEMNED - Tuberculosis

	No.	*Weight lbs.*
Cattle		
Lungs	77	770
Heads	10	280
Mesentery and Intestines	10	600
Forequarter and Part Shoulder	3	255
Whole Carcase and Offal	1	540
Livers	1	14
Skirt	1	2
Calves		
Head	4	40
Lungs	2	10
Mesentery and Intestines	2	24
Pigs		
Head	4	60

Other Causes

Cattle	*No.*	*Weight lbs.*	*Cause of Condemnation*
Livers	240	3,360	Distomatosis, Abscess, Angioma, Cirrhosis, Nephritis
Lungs	85	850	Pleurisy, Congestion, Abscess, Pneumonia
Hindquarters, Forequarters, Flanks, Steak Pieces, Buttocks, Rib and Brisket	9	520	Fracture and Bruising
Head	7	196	Actinomycosis, Ulcerations
Kidney	6	11	Chronic Nephritis
Whole Carcase and Offal	5	2,830	Lymphatic Leukaemia, Septic Mastitis, Dropsy, Emaciation, Severe Bruising, Fracture
Trimmings	—	30	Bruising

WATER SUPPLY

Almost all premises within the Urban District are supplied with a piped supply of water provided by the Stockport Corporation Waterworks Department who are the statutory authority for this area.

There are, however, a few premises mainly in the outlying parts of the area where a main supply is not available and the only source of water is from a well. These premises are situated in the following areas:—

Ward	*No. of premises without mains supply*
Handforth	2
Hough	5
Morley	6
	13

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

A further four Smoke Control Orders were made during the year bringing the total number of Orders made by the Council to seven. When the seven Orders are in operation, 1,522 premises will be situated in Smoke Control Areas covering approximately 220 acres.

The table below shows the Smoke Control Orders now in operation and the Orders which were made in 1961.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956—SMOKE CONTROL AREAS

Title	*Area*	*Number of Premises*	*Acreage*	*Date of Operation*
The Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 1 (Handforth Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order 1960.	Manchester Corporation Housing Development	89 houses 1 Nursing Home	12.76	1st January, 1961.
The Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 4 (Handforth Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order 1959	Ullswater Road, Windermere Rd., Derwent Drive, Coniston Drive, Clay Lane (Part)	209 houses and bungalows	22.56	1st October, 1960. Variation Order will come into operation on 1st September 1962.

Title	*Area*	*Number of Premises*	*Acreage*	*Date of Operation*
The Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 5 (Handforth Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order 1960	Willow Farm Estate, Handforth (Development by J. Crosby Ltd.)	86 houses	16.15	1st January 1961. Variation Order will come into operation on 1st September 1962.
The Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 2 (Handforth Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order 1961	Manchester Corporation Housing Development Spath Lane and Wilmslow Road Areas	754 houses 8 Commercial and other premises	72.70	1st September 1962
The Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 6 (Dean Row Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order 1962	Part of: Lacey Green Estate	244 houses and flats 7 Commercial and other premises	57.41	1st December 1962, subject to confirmation by Minister
The Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 7 (Dean Row Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order 1961	Development by J. H. Smith Ltd., Stanneylands Road, Wilmslow	63 houses and bungalows	9.30	1st October 1962
The Wilmslow Urban District Council No. 8 (Dean Row Ward (Part)) Smoke Control Order 1962	Grange Park Avenue and Styal Road (Part)	70 houses	28.30	1st December 1962 subject to confirmation by Minister

RODENT CONTROL

Given below is a brief summary of the work carried out by the Rodent Control Operative. The figures given in the table are considerably lower than in previous years due to a long period of absence by the Operative through illness which at the end of the year caused him to resign.

The following summary gives brief details of the work performed by the Rodent Operative during 1961:—

No. of premises surveyed	679
No. of premises treated	400
Methods employed :	
No. of pre-baits laid	18
No. of poison baits laid	1,620
Cases where traps used	32
Post Baits laid	—
Results obtained : No. of bodies found	
Rats	441
Mice	187

In addition to the destruction of rodents, the Rodent Officer also carried out when required, the disinfection of premises following infectious diseases and also insect and pest destruction.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One licence only was issued in respect of premises where animals are sold as pets. Occasional inspections were made to see that the conditions of the licence were being observed.

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

These premises were inspected at least once during the year when a few minor contraventions of the byelaws were found. Steps were taken to obtain compliance with the byelaws in every respect, and generally speaking the conditions existing at these establishments is very good.

The number of premises registered at the end of the year was :

Ladies' Hairdressers	20
Barbers	5

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection

The average number of collections of household refuse made from each house during the year 1961 was 49, an increase of one collection per house over last year.

An additional "Paxit" Refuse Collection Vehicle was added to the fleet, and also a revision of the refuse collection areas was made. The new vehicle and areas were brought into operation during April and an improved refuse collection service was given and maintained.

Disposal

Controlled tipping on the land owned by the Council in Newgate, continues to be the only site in the district for the disposal of house refuse.

Salvage

The operation of the salvage reclamation scheme was continued throughout the year and the following table shows the amounts of the various materials which were separated and sold:—

	Weight			*Value*		
	Tons	*cwts.*	*lbs.*	£	s.	d.
Paper	275	5	69	1,902	16	7
Mixed Rags	14	19	29	299	10	0
Carpets and Sacking	6	9	24	22	12	3
Copper		1	20	7	3	0
Brass		2	12	7	0	5
Lead		2	66	5	16	5
Aluminium		1	98	3	14	4
Pewter			8	0	16	0
String		2	26	0	11	2
Used Batteries (4)				1	0	0
	297	4	16	2,251	0	2